THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.7547 of 2007

Date: 20.04.2007

Between:

Smt.Fatima Begum

....Petitioner

and

The Central Power Distribution Company of A.P. Ltd. and others.

....Respondents

O R D E R:

The premises of the petitioner bearing No.18-7-212/30/6/D/23 of Jahanghir Nagar, Aman Nagar-B, Hyderabad are provided with power supply through service connection No.R2-045184. The petitioner was served with a bill on 11.01.2007 for a sum of Rs.14,754/-. According to her, the monthly bill never exceeded Rs.300/-. On the ground that she did not pay the consumption charges covered by the bill, the power supply was disconnected. The petitioner made number of representations ever since then. It is stated that at one stage, the officials of the respondents expressed their willingness to restore the power supply on payment of Rs.2,550/-, but did not agree for the same thereafter. She prays for appropriate directions.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned standing counsel for the respondents.

The bill itself discloses that the amounts of Rs.10,790/- and Rs.3,677/- are arrears for various periods. The manner in which they have accumulated is not indicated. It may be a surprise for the petitioner, but it is a matter of routine for the respondents to issue such bills, without any basis, rhyme or rhythm. This Court cannot go into the details of the matter, at this stage. The power supply to the petitioner can be restored by directing her to pay a sum of Rs.4,000/- for the present and requiring the respondents to

furnish the details of consumption charges as well as arrears up to the bill, dated 11.01.2007.

Hence, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the respondents to restore the power supply to the petitioner, on payment of a sum of Rs.4,000/- (Rupees four thousand only). Within fifteen days thereafter, the respondents shall furnish the particulars of consumption charges and accumulated arrears to the petitioner. It shall be open to the petitioner to make necessary representation and any further action shall depend upon the outcome thereof. There shall be no order as to costs.

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